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For: METHODS FOR FORMING ROUGH RUTHENIUM-CONTAINING LAYERS AND STRUCTURES/METHODS USING SAME			

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Dear Sir:

In the Restriction Requirement dated 29 November 2002, the Examiner issued the following restrictions: Group I, claims 1-29 and 44-45; Group II, claims 30-40; Group III, claims 46-60; and Group IV, claims 61-68.

On 10 December 2002, Applicants' Representative, Jay Pralle, spoke with the Examiner regarding the pending Restriction Requirement. Mr. Pralle informed the Examiner that claims 1-45 had been cancelled in the Request for Filing a Divisional Patent Application Under Rule 1.53(b) dated 25 October 2001, and, therefore, the Restriction Requirement including such cancelled claims was inaccurate. The Examiner responded that he would withdraw all pending restrictions and send to Applicants confirmation of such withdrawal. As of the one month date of the pending Restriction Requirement, Applicants have not received written confirmation of this withdrawal. It is Applicants' understanding that no Restriction Requirement is currently pending.

In the event, however, that the pending Restriction Requirement has not been withdrawn, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group III (claims 46-60), drawn to a method for use in forming a capacitor. Applicants' Representatives reserve the right to pursue examination of the non-elected claims in continuation or divisional applications. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the restrictions in this case and submit that the inventions as claimed can be

readily evaluated in one search without placing undue burden on the Examiner.

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The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' Representatives, at the below-listed telephone number, if there are any questions regarding this Response or if prosecution of this application may be assisted thereby.

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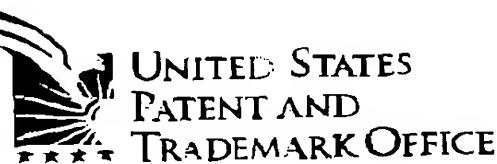
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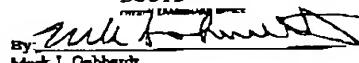
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